**Where I'm From**

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I am from smiles since birth  
from toy cameras and stuffed animals  
I am from cowering under a blanket in front of the television  
(At night giant tigers and horses  
protecting me from the nightmares)  
I'm from falling off unicycles  
but achieving my goals  
From confidence and never quiting  
I am from walking in the woods  
Playing in the streams  
whose water flows like my ideas and thoughts  
  
I am from lollipops and music  
from Elizabeth and Robert  
I'm from athletics  
and medical minds  
from dial it down and do your homework  
I'm from cinnamon and sugar on cookies  
with jelly inside  
and recipes I have practically memorized  
  
I'm from Melchior and Kantor's family tree  
grlled steak and sweet treats  
From the scar on my grandpa's side  
due to surgery  
and the many casts worn by my brother  
In my trunk is a box  
overflowing with cards from birth 'til now  
A memory of relatives and friends  
bringing flashbacks of good times  
I am from those memoirs-  
Pictures before I grew-  
Spilling onto paper